

AP ENGLISH IV

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Answer Key

VOCABULARY FOR THE APOLOGY

- default (246) - failure to act
- disparagingly (247) - tending to belittle or bring reproach upon
- impetuous (248) - sudden, rash action, violent
- irrefutable (249) - cannot be disproved
- inquisition (249) - official investigation
- calumnies (249) - false statement, slander, defamation
- vindication (259) - defense, excuse, justification
- inveterate (250) - long continuance, habitual,
- rhetoricians (250) - expert in speaking in an elaborate style
- affidavit (250) - written declaration upon oath made before an authorized official
- admonished (252) - urge to duty, remind; caution, counsel against something
- wantonness (253) - careless, reckless; without regard to what is right
- facetious (253) - lacking serious intent, frivolous,
- detraction (254) - act of belittling the reputation or worth of a person
- arraign (254) - call or bring before a court; accuse or charge in general
- interrogate (255) - examine by questions
- ludicrous (255) - ridiculous, laughable, absurd
- gadfly (255) - biting fly; person who annoys with criticism, schemes, ideas
- exhortations (256) - address conveying urgent advice or recommendation
- implicating (257) - showing to be involved (as of a crime)
- discreditable (258) - able to destroy confidence in